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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Harald Streicher, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/694,552

FILED: October 27, 2003

FOR: Portable Drilling Water Filter With Self-Cleaning System

EXAMINER: Robert J. Popovics GROUP: 1724

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2004, in which the Examiner rejected Claim 1 as being unpatentable over the prior art, rejected Claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, and indicated that Claims 2-8 would become allowable upon having been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of Claims 2-8 is noted and appreciated. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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